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LARGE AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PACKS

Australia and South Africa report large 1971 packs of canned deciduous fruit. Combined deciduous fruit production totaled 20.1 million cases, (equivalent 24/2½'s), 4 percent above 1970 output. Australian production is reported at 11.2 million cases and South African production at a record 8.9 million. South Africa reported larger packs of all items while Australia reported larger packs of peaches and apricots. Australian production of pears and mixed fruit was below the record 1970 levels, but above average.

Australian exports increased while South African declined during the 1970 season. Australian exports totaled 6.5 million cases, 21 percent above 1969 exports. South African exports were 7 percent below those of 1969.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit production

Kind of Fruit	Average 1956-60	Average 1961-65	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971 1/
	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/
Apricots:									
Australia	702	651	750	663	1,054	723	699	773	1,156
South Africa	742	816	1,080	988	723	591	669	343	721
Total	1,444	1,467	1,830	1,651	1,777	1,314	1,368	1,116	1,877
Peaches:									
Australia	1,863	3,183	4,319	4,565	5,038	5,134	4,063	3,936	4,852
South Africa	2,084	3,325	4,283	4,646	4,918	4,541	4,927	4,729	5,359
Total	3,947	6,508	8,602	9,211	9,956	9,675	8,990	8,665	10,211
Pears:									
Australia	2,130	2,788	2,455	3,384	2,797	3,206	1,795	4,394	3,428
South Africa	550	954	1,126	1,486	1,131	1,302	1,547	1,503	1,600
Total	2,680	3,742	3,581	4,870	3,928	4,508	3,342	5,897	5,028
Mixed fruits:									
Australia	233	517	894	1,220	1,406	1,902	1,568	2,394	1,772
South Africa	379	338	531	685	738	1,013	1,119	1,187	1,225
Total	612	855	1,425	1,905	2,144	2,915	2,687	3,581	2,997

1/ Estimate. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit exports

Kind of fruit	Average		Calendar year						
	1956-60	1961-65	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971 1/
	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/
Apricots:									
Australia	360	201	215	304	378	417	245	267	500
South Africa	698	781	1,057	921	695	614	592	358	450
Total	1,058	982	1,272	1,225	1,073	1,031	837	625	950
Peaches:									
Australia	1,004	1,761	2,760	2,859	3,657	4,112	2,568	2,599	3,000
South Africa	1,667	3,011	3,831	3,938	4,209	4,791	4,280	4,079	4,500
Total	2,671	4,772	6,591	6,797	7,866	8,903	6,848	6,678	7,500
Pears:									
Australia	1,655	2,098	2,022	2,657	2,095	2,656	1,494	2,244	2,700
South Africa	388	829	1,059	1,189	980	1,203	1,296	1,143	1,200
Total	2,043	2,927	3,081	3,846	3,075	3,859	2,790	3,387	3,900
Mixed fruit:									
Australia	103	281	573	808	1,132	1,390	1,059	1,396	1,600
South Africa 3/ ..	4/	277	440	567	630	858	899	1,003	1,050
Total	---	558	1,013	1,375	1,762	2,248	1,958	2,399	2,650

1/ Forecast. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 3/ Year beginning November 1. 4/ Not available.

Calendar exports of canned fruit by country of destination

Fruit and destination	Australia		South Africa	
	1969	1970	1969	1970
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Apricots:				
United Kingdom	108	157	416	240
Continental Europe	43	40	64	48
Canada	42	33	84	47
Other	52	37	28	23
Total	245	267	592	358
Peaches:				
United Kingdom	1,312	1,630	2,996	3,000
Continental	721	774	1,112	920
Canada	371	72	27	14
Other	164	123	145	145
Total	2,568	2,599	4,280	4,079
Pears:				
United Kingdom	1,177	1,604	1,170	1,006
Continental Europe	141	198	55	49
Canada	100	172	3	7
Other	76	270	68	81
Total	1,494	2,244	1,296	1,143
Mixed fruit:				
United Kingdom	598	908	2/	2/
Continental Europe	236	297	2/	2/
Canada	121	97	2/	2/
Other	104	94	2/	2/
Total	1,059	1,396	899 3/	1,003 3/

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.
2/ Not available.
3/ Year beginning November 1.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board and South African Annual Trade Statistics.

AUSTRALIA

Australia reports a near record 1971 pack of canned deciduous fruit. Production totaled 11.2 million cases, slightly below the record 1970 pack of 11.5 million cases, but 18 percent above the 1965-69 average. Weather was generally favorable and good crops of peaches, pears, and apricots were reported. Packs of peaches and apricots were above 1970 packs and average packs of pears and mixed fruit were below 1970 packs, but considerably above average.

Domestic consumption of canned deciduous fruit is relatively small, but has increased in recent years. Domestic sales averaged 2.9 million cases during 1965-69 and reached 3.3 million cases during 1970. Canned peaches are most popular, accounting for about 45 percent of the domestic total, followed in importance by pears, mixed fruit, and apricots.

Export sales provide the major outlet for Australian canned fruit. Traditionally, Australian trade has been oriented toward the United Kingdom, which accounted for 85 percent of the total as recently as 1964. Calendar 1970 exports totaled 6.5 million cases, 21 percent above 1969 exports, but slightly below the 1965-69 average. The United Kingdom continues to be leading buyer, accounting for 4.5 million cases, followed in importance by West Germany and Canada. Total 1971 exports are forecast at 7.8 million cases, 20 percent above last year's. During the first 6 months of 1970, exports totaled 4.1 million cases, slightly less than exports in the same period of 1970.

Early-season weather conditions were reported favorable for 1972 crop development. Bud development was reported satisfactory and conditions indicate good crops are in prospect.

Australia produced a large 1971 canned peach pack, reported at 4.9 million cases, 23 percent above the 1970 pack and 5 percent above the 1965-69 average. Humid conditions caused brown rot losses in early varieties in the Goulburn Valley, however, later varieties yielded well. Crops in the Murrumbridgee Irrigation Area and South Australia were excellent. Total 1971 canned peach exports are forecast at 3.0 million cases, 15 percent above the 1970 level of 2.6 million cases. Exports during the first 6 months of 1971 were below those of 1970.

Pear orchards flowered well and set large 1971 crops despite the record yields of 1970. Carryin stocks of old pack canned pears were at record levels and canneries were unwilling to accept the total 1971 crop. Canned pear production still reached 3.4 million cases, a pack exceeded only by the 1970 record of 4.4 million cases. About 28,000 tons of Bartletts remained unharvested or were dumped in the Goulburn Valley. Canned pear exports are expected to exceed the 1970 level of 2.2 million cases. During the first 6 months of 1971, exports totaled 1.4 million cases, 22 percent more than the same period of 1970. The United Kingdom is the major market for Australian pears. Other important markets are the United States and Canada.

Australian canned fruit pack by quality, grade, and can size, 1970

Grade	Apricots	Peaches	Pears	Mixed fruits 1/	Total
	Equiv. 1,000 cases 24/2½	Equiv. 1,000 cases 24/2½	Equiv. 1,000 cases 24/2½	Equiv. 1,000 cases 24/2½	Equiv. 1,000 cases 24/2½
Fancy (export)					
No. 2½	6	60	117	75	258
No. 1	7	47	70	34	158
8 oz.	2	1	---	---	3
No. 10	2	17	18	36	73
Total	17	125	205	145	492
Choice (export)					
No. 2½	168	1,136	1,736	764	3,804
No. 1	112	762	1,172	646	2,692
8 oz.	1	10	29	31	71
No. 10	46	178	349	218	791
Total	327	2,086	3,286	1,659	7,353
Standard (export)					
No. 2½	122	868	503	338	1,831
No. 1	52	104	114	104	374
8 oz.	---	---	1	---	1
No. 10	40	54	69	44	207
Total	214	1,026	687	486	2,413
Domestic Pack					
No. 2½	163	565	141	55	924
No. 1	40	108	44	34	226
No. 10	12	24	31	15	82
Total	215	697	216	104	1,232
Grand total	773	3,934	4,394	2,394	11 495

1/ Includes all mixed fruits other than tropical fruit salad.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned fruit production and exports, 1967-71

Canned fruit	1967	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Production:					
Apricots	1,054	723	699	773	1,156
Mixed fruit	1,406	1,902	1,568	2,394	1,772
Peaches	5,038	5,134	4,063	3,936	4,852
Pears	2,797	3,206	1,795	4,394	3,428
Total deciduous	10,295	10,965	8,125	11,497	11,208
Exports:					
Apricots	378	417	245	267	500
Mixed fruit	1,132	1,390	1,059	1,396	1,600
Peaches	3,657	4,112	2,568	2,599	3,000
Pears	2,095	2,656	1,494	2,244	2,700
Total deciduous	7,262	8,575	5,366	6,506	7,800

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian packout of all canned fruit, 1967-70

Grade	1967	1968	1969	1970
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Fancy	9.3	12.9	9.5	4.3
Choice	55.4	56.8	57.2	64.0
Standard	22.0	17.4	19.9	21.0
Domestic	13.3	12.9	13.4	10.7

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned peach supply and distribution, 1968-71

Item	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ..	814	359	391	282
Production	5,134	4,063	3,936	4,852
Total	5,948	4,422	4,327	5,134
Distribution:				
Exports	4,112	2,568	2,599	3,000
Domestic consumption	1,477	1,463	1,446	1,400
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	359	391	282	734
Total	5,948	4,422	4,327	5,134

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned pear supply and distribution, 1968-71

Item	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ..	705	614	318	1,668
Production	3,206	1,795	4,394	3,428
Total	3,911	2,409	4,712	5,096
Distribution:				
Exports	2,656	1,494	2,244	2,700
Domestic consumption	641	597	800	700
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	614	318	1,668	1,696
Total	3,911	2,409	4,712	5,096

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned apricot supply and distribution, 1968-71

Item	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	309	114	68	105
Production	723	699	773	1,156
Total	1,032	813	841	1,261
Distribution:				
Exports	417	245	267	500
Domestic consumption	501	500	469	500
Ending stocks, December 31	114	68	105	261
Total	1,032	813	841	1,261

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Apricot production was excellent in all major producing areas and a record tonnage was delivered to canners. The 1971 pack is estimated at a record 1.2 million cases, 50 percent above last year's. Calendar 1971 exports are estimated sharply above the 267,000 cases reached in 1970. Exports during the first 6 months of 1971 totaled 249,000 cases, 21 percent above those in the same period of 1970. The United Kingdom is the major export market for Australian apricots.

Production of mixed fruit declined in 1971, but remained considerably above the 1965-69 average. The 1971 pack is estimated at 1.8 million cases, 26 percent below last year's record pack of 2.4 million cases. The pack includes fruit cocktail 815,000 cases, two fruits 868,000 cases and fruit salad 89,000 cases. Calendar 1971 exports of mixed fruit are estimated above those in 1970. Exports during the first 6 months of 1971 were above the same period of 1970.

Total acreage of Australian noncitrus orchard fruit dipped slightly to 176,412 acres, while bearing acreage increased slightly during the 1969-70 season. Acreage planted to the three major canning fruits declined slightly. Bearing acreage of apricots declined to 8,500 acres and peaches to 23,400 acres. Bearing acres of pears increased slightly to 20,800 acres. Nonbearing acreage of all three fruits declined slightly.

Commercial canning is centered in Victoria, the largest supplier of all deciduous fruit items and processor of over 70 percent of the total pack. Most of the remaining pack originates in South Australia and New South Wales.

Australian mixed fruit pack composition, 1962-71

Year	Fruit cocktail	Fruit salad	Two-fruits	Total
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
1962	150	39	252	441
1963	117	55	270	442
1964	197	56	363	616
1965	334	82	478	894
1966	516	104	600	1,220
1967	698	133	575	1,406
1968	1,011	56	835	1,902
1969	732	51	785	1,568
1970	1,098	45	1,251	2,394
1971 estimate	815	89	868	1,772

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned mixed fruit 1/ supply and distribution, 1968-71

Item	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	287	479	417	868
Production	1,902	1,568	2,394	1,772
Total	2,189	2,047	2,811	2,640
Distribution:				
Exports	1,390	1,059	1,396	1,600
Domestic consumption	320	571	547	600
Ending stocks, December 31	479	417	868	440
Total	2,189	2,047	2,811	2,640

1/ Canned composite packs, including fruit salad, fruit cocktail, and diced two-fruit mixtures. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned deciduous fruit production by State, average 1961-65 and annual 1965-70

Kind of fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	South Australia	Other States	Total
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Canned apricots:					
Average:					
1961-65	110	294	214	33	651
Annual:					
1965	171	197	352	30	750
1966	99	415	130	19	663
1967	228	541	246	39	1,054
1968	70	507	141	5	723
1969	114	377	201	7	699
1970	111	483	177	2	773
Canned peaches:					
Average:					
1961-65	760	1,698	680	45	3,183
Annual:					
1965	1,004	2,315	951	49	4,319
1966	984	2,433	1,093	55	4,565
1967	1,058	2,579	1,329	72	5,038
1968	1,091	2,947	1,018	78	5,134
1969	837	2,247	935	44	4,063
1970	873	2,066	946	51	3,936
Canned pears:					
Average:					
1961-65	131	2,481	107	69	2,788
Annual:					
1965	106	2,127	162	60	2,455
1966	165	3,053	81	85	3,384
1967	126	2,492	114	65	2,797
1968	94	2,933	96	83	3,206
1969	30	1,640	56	69	1,795
1970	167	4,000	161	66	4,394
Canned mixed fruit:					
Average:					
1961-65	35	344	104	34	517
Annual:					
1965	38	668	149	39	894
1966	61	919	191	49	1,220
1967	28	1,016	323	39	1,406
1968	43	1,559	272	28	1,902
1969	59	1,261	209	39	1,568
1970	149	2,012	233	---	2,394
Total deciduous fruit:					
Average:					
1961-65	1,036	4,817	1,105	181	7,139
Annual:					
1965	1,319	5,307	1,614	178	8,418
1966	1,309	6,820	1,495	208	9,832
1967	1,440	6,628	2,012	215	10,295
1968	1,298	7,946	1,527	194	10,965
1969	1,040	5,525	1,401	159	8,125
1970	1,300	8,561	1,517	119	11,497

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian acreage of selected fruit, Average 1956-60, 1961-65 and 1965-66 through 1969-70

Year	Apricots			Peaches			Pears		
	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
Average:									
1956-60	9.6	2.7	12.3	15.6	9.2	24.8	17.7	5.1	22.8
Average:									
1961-65	9.4	2.2	11.6	22.9	7.2	30.1	19.6	6.2	25.8
1965-66	9.4	2.0	11.4	24.9	5.1	30.0	19.8	6.1	25.9
1966-67	9.5	1.8	11.3	24.8	5.3	30.1	19.7	5.9	25.6
1967-68	8.9	2.0	10.9	23.8	5.9	29.7	20.4	5.2	25.6
1968-69	8.7	1.9	10.6	23.3	5.3	28.6	20.6	5.0	25.6
1969-70	8.5	1.7	10.2	23.4	5.0	28.4	20.8	4.7	25.5

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 26, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1969-70.

Australian acreage of selected fruit by State in 1969-70

Kind of fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total Australia
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
Bearing area:							
Apples	14.6	16.4	10.6	4.6	11.4	14.4	72.0
Apricots	1.5	2.6	.4	3.5	.2	.3	8.5
Cherries	1.9	1.4	(1/)	.4	(1/)	(1/)	3.7
Nectarines	.3	.3	.3	.1	.1	(1/)	1.1
Peaches:							
Canning	3.4	9.2)	1.5	3.5	.7	(1/))	2.1
Other	3.0	2.1)				(1/))	23.4 2/
Pears:							
Canning	.8	8.9)	.8	1.5	.8	.2)	20.8 2/
Other	1.7	5.1)				1.0)	
Plums	1.4	1.1	1.3)	.6	.9	(1/)	8.3 3/
Prunes	2.8	.2	----)			)	
Pineapple	.1	----	10.8	----	----	----	10.9
Total area:							
Apples	19.0	20.9	13.6	5.9	14.4	17.8	91.6
Apricots	1.7	3.0	.5	4.4	.3	.3	10.2
Cherries	3.2	2.1	(1/)	.6	(1/)	(1/)	5.9
Nectarines	.5	.4	.4	.3	.1	(1/)	1.7
Peaches:							
Canning	4.0	11.2)	1.7	4.5	.8	(1/))	28.4
Other	3.6	2.6)				(1/))	
Pears:							
Canning	1.0	11.2)	1.2	1.9	1.0	.2)	25.5
Other	2.0	5.9)				1.1)	
Plums	1.9	1.4	1.6)	.7	1.0	(1/)	10.1
Prunes	3.3	.2	----)				
Pineapple	.2	----	15.7	----	----	----	15.9

1/ Less than 100 acres. 2/ Total canning and other. 3/ Total plums-prunes.

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 26, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1969-70

Australian canned fruit minimum grower prices per short ton 1/ for first-quality fruit, 1967-71 seasons

Fruit	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.
Apricots	106	100	100	110	115
Peaches:					
Cling, clear center	97	97	97	103	109
Cling, other	93	93	93	99	105
Freestone	68	68	68	72	77
Pears:					
Bartlett	97	97	97	100	100

1/ Delivered to either the grower's railroad siding or to the cannery door.

SOURCE: Australian Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee.

Higher 1971 minimum grower prices were established by the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee for all canning fruits except Bartlett pears. Minimum prices were: apricots, $115 per ton, clingstone peaches with clear centers, $109 per ton and Bartlett pears, $100 per ton. Canners must pay at least these minimum levels to qualify for sugar rebates paid under the Sugar Agreement between the Australian Government and the state of Queensland. The rebate for sugar utilized in fruit sold domestically is $15 per ton of sugar and that for exports varies monthly, but totaled $56.40 in October 1971.

The Australian Canned Fruits Board establishes minimum prices by grade and can size for exports to major overseas markets. Opening 1971 minimum prices for exports to the United Kingdom were above those of last year on all items except mixed fruits.

Australian canned fruit minimum opening export prices for shipments to the United Kingdom (c.i.f. U.K. port), 1966-71

Fruit and pack style	Price per dozen $2\frac{1}{2}$'s		
	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars
Apricots:			
Halves:			
1966	3.50	3.29	3.15
1967	3.57	3.36	3.22
1968	3.18	3.00	2.88
1969	3.42	3.24	3.12
1970	3.72	3.54	3.42
1971	3.94	3.82	3.70
Peaches (clingstones):			
Halves and slices:			
1966	3.46	3.26	3.12
1967	3.40	3.26	3.12
1968	3.03	2.91	2.79
1969	3.27	3.15	3.03
1970	3.51	3.39	3.27
1971	3.78	3.66	3.54
Pears (Bartletts):			
Halves and quarters:			
1966	3.64	3.43	3.29
1967	3.64	3.43	3.29
1978	3.18	3.00	2.88
1969	3.51	3.33	3.21
1970	3.69	3.51	3.39
1971	3.78	3.66	3.54
Fruit cocktail:			
1966	4.16	3.96	3.82
1967	4.13	3.92	3.78
1968	3.90	3.72	3.60
1969	4.08	3.90	3.78
1970	4.17	3.99	3.87
1971	4.36	4.24	4.12
Two-fruit:			
1966	3.46	3.26	3.12
1967	3.40	3.26	3.12
1968	3.06	2.94	2.82
1969	3.30	3.18	3.06
1970	3.57	3.45	3.33
1971	3.78	3.66	3.54
Fruit salad:			
1966	4.69	4.48	4.34
1967	4.69	4.48	4.34
1968	4.38	4.20	4.08
1969	4.50	4.32	4.20
1970	4.59	4.41	4.29
1971	4.80	4.68	4.56

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board

SOUTH AFRICA

Favorable weather contributed to a record 1971 South African canned deciduous fruit pack. Total production is estimated at 8.9 million cases, 15 percent above 1970 production and 17 percent above the 1965-69 average. Production of canned peaches, fruit salad, and pears reached record levels. Production of apricots was above 1970 output.

Domestic sales are relatively small, export sales are the major outlet comprising over 80 percent of the canned fruit pack. Total 1971 exports are estimated at 7.2 million cases, 13 percent above 1970 exports and above the 1965-69 average. Exports during the 6-month period ending April 30, 1971, totaled less than 2.7 million cases, 17 percent less than exports during the same period a year ago. The United Kingdom is the most important market, followed by continental Europe.

Canners reported exceptionally favorable weather conditions fostered record 1971 deliveries of clingstone peaches totaling 120,452 tons. Canned peach production is estimated at a record 5.4 million cases, 13 percent above the 1970 pack of 4.7 million cases. Freestone production is insignificant, totaling only 1,000 cases in each of the last 2 years. Canned peach exports are estimated at 4.5 million cases, 15 percent above the 1970 total of 3.9 million cases. Exports for the 6-month period ending April 30, 1971, were below the same period a year ago.

Good weather and increased bearing acreage contributed to larger deliveries of Bartlett pears to canners. The canned pack totaled 1.6 million cases, 6 percent above the 1970 pack. Exports are estimated at 1.2 million cases, 7 percent above 1970 exports.

Good rains and a higher cannery price for Bulida apricots contributed to the large cannery intake of apricots. Canned production is estimated at 721,000 cases, more than twice the short 1970 pack, but below average. Exports are forecast at 450,000 cases, 26 percent above 1970 exports, but below average. Exports during the 6-month period ending April 30, 1971, totaled 218,000 cases, 15 percent above those in the same period a year ago.

Production of fruit salad continued its upward trend totaling 1.2 million cases in 1971, slightly more than last season. Exports are estimated at 1.0 million cases, slightly more than 1970 exports and 55 percent above the 1965-69 average.

The Canning Apricot and Peach Board announced higher minimum 1971 grower prices on all items. Minimum prices for first-grade Royal variety apricots were $92.40 per ton, Bulida variety $86.80 per ton, clingstone peaches $86.80 per ton, and Bartlett pears $74.90 per ton.

South Africa announced higher 1971 opening prices for all canned deciduous fruit items. Opening prices for choice grade fruit in 2½ size cans were: apricots $3.39 per dozen, clingstone peaches $3.39 per dozen, fruit cocktail $3.96 per dozen and pears $3.39 per dozen.

South African canned fruit production and exports, 1967-71

Canned fruit	1967	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Production:					
Apricots	723	591	669	343	721
Peaches	4,918	4,541	4,927	4,729	5,359
Pears	1,131	1,302	1,547	1,503	1,600
Fruit salad	738	1,013	1,119	1,187	1,225
Total deciduous	7,510	7,447	8,262	7,762	8,905
Exports:					
Apricots	660	611	524	358	450
Peaches	4,200	5,344	4,202	3,901	4,500
Pears	800	1,152	1,204	1,123	1,200
Fruit salad	630	859	899	1,003	1,050
Total deciduous	6,290	7,966	6,829	6,385	7,200

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

South African canned peach supply and distribution, 1968-71

Item	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1	1,335	282	562	832
Production	4,541	4,927	4,729	5,359
Total	6,076	5,209	5,291	6,191
Distribution:				
Exports	5,344	4,202	3,901	4,500
Domestic disappearance	450	445	558	600
Ending stocks, October 31	282	562	832	1,091
Total	6,076	5,209	5,291	6,191

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

South African canned pear supply and distribution, 1968-71

Item	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1	250	168	277	374
Production	1,302	1,547	1,503	1,600
Total	1,552	1,715	1,780	1,974
Distribution:				
Exports	1,152	1,204	1,123	1,200
Domestic disappearance	232	234	283	300
Ending stocks, October 31	168	277	374	474
Total	1,552	1,715	1,780	1,974

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

South African canned apricot supply and distribution, 1968-71

Item	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1	88	18	112	45
Production	591	669	343	721
Total	679	687	455	766
Distribution:				
Exports	611	524	358	450
Domestic disappearance	50	51	52	55
Ending stocks, October 31	18	112	45	261
Total	679	687	455	766

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

South African canned fruit salad supply and distribution, 1968-71

Item	1968	1969	1970	Estimate 1971
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1	(2/)	49	164	205
Production	1,013	1,119	1,187	1,225
Total	(2/)	1,168	1,351	1,430
Distribution:				
Exports	859	899	1,003	1,050
Domestic disappearance	(2/)	105	143	150
Ending stocks, October 31	49	164	205	230
Total	(2/)	1,168	1,351	1,430

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 2/ Not available.

NOTE: Fruit salad includes fruit cocktail but is not reported separately.

Commercial utilization of deciduous fruit by members of the South African fruit canning industry, 1967-71

Kind	1967	1968	1969	1970	Preliminary 1971
	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
Apples	7,548	10,135	6,116	8,002	8,267
Pears	36,659	38,490	41,186	41,011	52,781
Apricots	17,767	16,516	19,324	9,917	17,836
Peaches	108,729	99,098	107,592	103,365	120,452

South African minimum grower prices for fresh deciduous fruits for processing, 1967 through 1971 1/

Kind	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton	Dol. per short ton
Apricots:					
Royal	75.60	75.60	78.40	86.80	92.40
Bulida	44.80	53.20	58.80	72.80	86.80
Peaches:					
Clingstone	84.00	70.00	70.00	77.70	86.80
Pears:					
Bartlett	78.40	(2/)	(2/)	78.40	74.90

1/ Grade 1.
2/ No quotation available.

SOURCE: Canning Apricot and Peache Board and Deciduous Fruit Board.

South African canned fruit minimum opening selling prices c.i.f. (U.K. ports) 1968-71

Fruit and pack style	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	Dol. per doz. 2½'s	Dol. per doz. 2½'s	Dol. per doz. 2½'s
Apricots:			
1968	2.76	2.64	2.52
1969	2.91	2.82	2.70
1970	3.42	3.30	3.18
1971	3.51	3.39	3.27
Peaches:			
Clingstone halves and slices			
1968	2.76	2.64	2.52
1969	3.00	2.91	2.79
1970	3.27	3.18	3.06
1971	3.51	3.39	3.27
Pesrs:			
Bon Chretien halves			
1968	2.97	2.85	2.73
1969	3.18	3.09	2.97
1970	3.42	3.30	3.12
1971	3.51	3.39	3.27
Fruit salad:			
1968	4.14	4.02	3.90
1969	4.23	4.11	3.99
1970	4.32	4.20	4.08
1971	4.50	4.38	4.26
Fruit cocktail:			
1968	3.69	3.51	3.39
1969	3.84	3.69	3.57
1970	3.90	3.78	3.66
1971	4.08	3.96	3.84

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